



Senate Bill 815 – Occupational Licensing and Certification – Criminal History – Prohibited Disclosures

Position: Information Only

Maryland REALTORS® had shared concerns with SB 815, because there are certain criminal histories, including non-violent crimes such as those involving crimes of dishonesty, specifically those involving theft, forgery, fraud that are incompatible with the duties of a real estate professional. Since real estate professionals have personal access to their clients, homes and an individual's financial information in the ordinary course of business, REALTORS® were concerned that by allowing those who have been convicted of these types of crimes to become licensed, it would put the general public at risk of harm.

Maryland REALTORS® would like to thank the sponsor for offering amendments to this bill so that so that it no longer applies to the individuals seeking a real estate license; therefore, with these changes we no longer have a position on SB 815.

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